Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Ruth Evans was born on April 6, 1910, to Robert and Marie Evans at Winfred, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Ruth graduated from Winfred High School and spent her life caring for her family and working for a café and the church in Winfred; and,

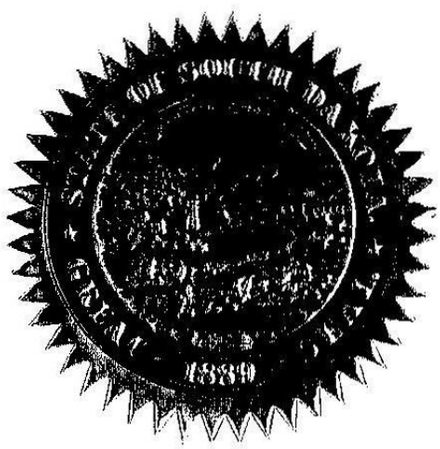
Whereas, Ruth and her first husband, Earl Williams, gave life and love to three children: Kay, Gray, and Kenny, and Ruth later married Jim Westall who brought his ten children into the fold: Jeanine, Gordon, Janice, Joyce, "Red", Don, Bob, Effie, Rusty, and Jim; and,

Whereas, Ruth will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and family gather at the Winfred Church on April 11, 2010, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper as Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 11, 2010, as

RUTH WILLIAMS WESTALL DAY

in South Dakota, and I join her friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State